

HOUSE No. 2870

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, petition of Michael A. Costello and others for legislation to change the name of the Department of Mental Retardation to the department of developmental services. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 19B or Chapter
- 2 123B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to
- 3 the contrary, the Department of Mental Retardation shall henceforth be entitled the Department of Developmental Services.
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- 5 Said Department shall provide funding and services only to
- 6 those individuals who, as a result of inadequately developed or
- 7 impaired intelligence, as determined by clinical authorities as
- 8 described in the regulations of the department are substantially
- 9 limited in their ability to learn or adapt, as judged by established
- 10 standards available for the evaluation of a person's ability to function in the community.
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